

STERLING PARTNERS INVESTMENT THESIS CHALLENGE (SPITC)

Organized by the Polsky Center, the Sterling Partners Investment Thesis Challenge (SPITC) is an application-based, experiential learning program, where Chicago Booth students gain experience developing an investment thesis and recommending an execution strategy.



OVERVIEW:

Teams accepted into SPITC develop an investment thesis and work with mentors at private equity firms over a span of three months. SPITC occurs in three phases:

- **Phase 1: November to early January.** Students form teams and work together to submit an investment thesis proposal for consideration by host firms before the SPITC application deadline.
- **Phase 2: February to April.** Teams whose proposals have been accepted by host firms receive \$2,500 to support additional research efforts to further develop their investment thesis. Each team meets regularly with an assigned mentor from their host firm as well as with professor Chris McGowan, SPITC faculty advisor and Polsky Center investor-in-residence (IIR); and Kim Vender Moffat, Polsky Center IIR.
- **Phase 3: May.** Teams formally present their investment strategy to their host firm for feedback.

SPITC requires a significant time commitment. Selected students should take this into account when registering for their winter and spring quarter classes. SPITC students are eligible for the PE/VC Lab.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

SPITC is open to current, full-time, evening, and weekend Chicago Booth students. XP students are not eligible to participate.

KEY DATES:

Info Session

- **Monday, October 12**
5:00-6:00 p.m., Virtual

Application Deadline

- **Wednesday, January 6**
by 10:00 a.m.

APPLY ONLINE:

Applications are available at:
bit.ly/SPITCApplication.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Megan Fox, assistant director, at megan.fox@chicagobooth.edu, or visit the website at: **bit.ly/Booth_SPITC.**

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